

IN RE: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs) ORDER GRANTING
for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.) ADMISSION PRO HAC
) VICE

Ms. Nichols serves as counsel for Duke Energy located at 526 S. Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of North Carolina, according to Ms. Nichols' application for admission *pro hac vice*. Additionally, Ms. Nichols has included an affirmation that she will comply with the applicable statutes, laws, and rules of the State of South Carolina, that she is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that she will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

Local counsel of record associated with Ms. Nichols is Richard L. Whitt of Austin, Lewis & Rogers, P.A., 508 Hampton Street, Suite 300, Columbia, South Carolina.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application of Lara Simmons Nichols has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmation has been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filing and that the filing fee has been paid. We believe that Ms. Nichols meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission in Docket No. 2007-3-E *pro hac vice* and that he should be so admitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Lara Simmons Nichols, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of North Carolina and through request of local counsel, Richard L. Whitt, has moved for her *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission in Docket No. 2007-3-E.

2. Proper application has been filed, the filing fee has been paid, and the necessary affirmation has been made, as required by SCACR 404.

3. Ms. Nichols has associated South Carolina counsel.

4. The request for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

ORDER

The request of Richard L. Whitt, Esquire, for *pro hac vice* admission of Lara Simmons Nichols, Esquire, to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in Docket No. 2007-3-E is granted.

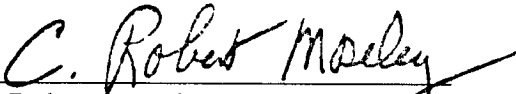
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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